

# KNOTTS AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING

## LAST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Proceedings of the council meeting.

Created a board of public works to consist of three members, with an annual salary of \$1,200 each. Term, four years.

Redistricted the city, increasing the wards from six to nine and the council seats from nine to thirteen.

Tabbed the ordinance to license auctioneers.

\* Appropriated and transferred several thousand dollars.

The last regular meeting of the Gary common council was presided over by Mayor Knotts last night, but he was not in control of the municipal legislation. It passed ordinances wholly distasteful to him and among other things created seven additional offices for the Johnson administration.

The present council went into office in November, 1909, and quitted at noon, Monday, January 5, 1914. It is possible however, that the council will hold some special meetings in the meantime.

An ordinance was passed providing for the creation of the board of public works which will make it unlawful for the mayor and engineer to serve thereon. Thus Mayor Johnson will be able to name three works commissioners instead of one and their salary will be \$1,200 each.

Creates New Wards.  
Gary now has three more wards. The second ward was carved into three

wards and the Ridge road district is now a separate ward and its confines no longer extend north of the Little Calumet river. The new measure gives the north side more representation in the council.

### Will Knotts Veto It?

After Mayor Knotts signs the ordinance the council can name the new members at a special meeting in not less than two nor more than fifteen days. If Knotts vetoes the ordinance the new council can take care of it.

### Practically Kill Auction Measure.

An ordinance was introduced to regulate auctioneers. It was aimed at the promoters of fake jewelry auctions principally. But some of the aldermen kicked because it covered real estate auctions, so this clause was stricken out. A high license, together with a cash bond was provided for. The measure was tabled.

## TAXPAYERS WATCHING THIS CLOSELY

With the passage of an ordinance by the Gary council last night providing for the creation of a board of public works with three members at an annual salary of \$1,200 each much politics is being played to land the jobs. Some of the aspirants want the places for the pay while some of the public contracting gang want to jimmy into the public purse during the next administration. As a result some of the slick gangsters are using their usual suspicious methods to get into favor and the prospective office holders are mighty careful in dealing with the gangsters or else gossip soon ensues.

In pursuance of its solemn promises to the people of Gary the citizens' administration will proceed to operate the city government as economically as possible. And in carrying out these promises one of the first things that the administration will do is to get rid of the famous "joy ride" automobile of the commissioner of public works. This auto business has resulted in the city being drained of thousands of dollars. In 1910 the council bought an auto for the commissioner of works but city officials used it for "joy rides" in which women figured. The auto

was wrecked. Then a new machine was bought and the city pays a chauffeur \$1,100 a year to run it.

One of the first things that will be done when the new administration goes into office is to sell the commissioner of works' auto, thus carrying out the promise to eliminate gross extravagance.

## CONROY OF HAMMOND NOT A CANDIDATE

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rious consideration, and says he is a Murphy man.

Conroy's chances for the chairmanship are good in proportion to the factional split in the party.

Much of the opposition in Lake county to Murphy is expected to come from Judge Lawrence Becker, who is the leader of the radicals in the tenth district. But no one has heard Becker say anything harsh about Murphy, and Murphy's friends in Lake county feel that Becker will acquiesce in the formers' re-election.

Becker, it is argued, cannot very well oppose Murphy and help to defeat him without weakening the chances of Congressman John E. Peterson for re-election. Mayor Durgan of Lafayette is both after Murphy's scalp and after Peterson's seat in congress. It is therefore quite apparent that Conroy's chances for success, in the event he gets into the race, would depend largely on the size of the split.

The tenth district convention will be held in Hammond on Monday forenoon of December 29. On Friday, December 26, delegates to this convention will be elected in Lake county. Lake is entitled to 32 delegates, the largest number from any one county in the district. The delegate strength of the other counties is as follows: Tippecanoe, 29; White, 13; Benton, 3; Porter, 3; Jasper, 3; Newton, 6, and Warren, 6.

The delegate strength in Lake county is divided as follows: Hammond, 10; Gary, 8; East Chicago, 4; Whiting, 2; Hobart, 2; St. John township, 2; Hanover township, 2; Center township, 2; Ross, Winfield and the three Creek townships, each one delegate.

## DEMOCRATS DECIDE TO HOLD PRIMARY

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parts of the county in proportion to the vote cast for Governor Ransom in 1912. Under the plan adopted by the forty precinct committeemen at the meeting voters must vote for the twenty-nine delegates, but must also vote in the thirteen townships according to the proper proportions of the vote.

Edward O. Gara, who represented the Murphy faction at the meeting, said that the manner of selecting the delegates was too complicated, and will make a protest at the meeting of the state Democratic committee, which will be held at Indianapolis at 11 o'clock today. He says that each ward and precinct in the county should be permitted to select its own delegates.

Some of the men who are supporting Charles Murphy for district chairman thought the primary arrangement would be satisfactory. Rhen Isherwood, Democratic county chairman; Mayor George R. Durgan, Judge Thomas Field and others who are fighting Murphy will appear before the state committee today. Last night a new candidate was mentioned as an opponent to Murphy. A. J. Law of Newton County will have strong support at the Hammond convention and will likely receive the support of the majority of the delegates from Tippecanoe County.

## RUGH'S LIFE MAY BE GIVEN IN VAIN

Gary Young Lady Forced to go to Hospital for Further Treatment.

Friends of Miss Ethel Smith, the heroine in the Billy Rugb case, are grieved to learn that she has been obliged to go to the Gary General hospital where she has undergone another skin grafting operation, made necessary by the failure of some of her burns to heal.

Miss Smith until a few days ago was working for the Gary News company. Then she went to the Gary General hospital.

Inquiry at the home of her father, Charles Smith, living at Fifth avenue and Delaware street, brings the information that the grafted skin on one of Miss Smith's limbs did not hold. As a result a new operation has been performed and both limbs are bound together in a case. It will be some time before Miss Smith is able to be around again.

In August 1912 the young lady was severely burned about the body while "double-riding" on a motorcycle with Ray Roberts, her fiance. She was taken to the Gary General hospital for a skin grafting operation. Much cuticle was needed and quickly the Billy Rugb, The Times newboy in charge of The Times stand at Sixth avenue and Broadway, offered the skin from his crippled leg and directed that it be amputated. This was done. Billy died and he was given a big funeral for his sacrifice.

## KOONTZ ONCE MORE LOSES CASE

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Mrs. Kloeser of Gary once a client of the plaintiffs. The only witness introduced by the plaintiff on rebuttal yesterday afternoon was Attorney W. H. Stekman of Hammond and the latter testified that Koontz's reputation as a lawyer was not good. Judge Kopelke warned Koontz not to cross-examine his own witness and indeed the feature of the entire case was the number of times that the court had to caution and warn the plaintiff over the mat-

ters he had been warned before.

WHAT PLAINTIFF SAID.  
The closing arguments lasted two hours. Koontz told the jury that he had bought property in Hammond and that he was going to stay here. He said that he had turned his office over on Sunday for a Sunday school class. He spoke touchingly of Heaven and that "undiscovered bourne." He bitterly denounced lawyers and said he could buy a lawyer for a dollar. He even went so far as to praise The Times and said he advertised in it because it was the only paper that had any circulation and he had to use it.

Attorney Fred C. Crumpacker whose handling of the entire case was masterly, made a splendid argument to the jury. His sequence of the points in the case and the values he gave to the striking features in it were very effective. He declared that it is the duty of a newspaper to inform its customers, the people who pay for it, of those who hold themselves out to be something which they are not. He called the attention of the jury to the fact that a newspaper's first duty is to protect the public.

Judge Kopelke gave the same instructions to the jurors that he used in the preceding case and the jury retired shortly before five o'clock. The first ballot taken was eleven to one in favor of the plaintiff.

## TWIN CITY HAS NEW EXCITEMENT

A false alarm turned into the East Chicago fire station got Beacon street all wrought up last night, broke up the council meeting, wrecked an ornamental lamp post in front of the Lewis garage, and all but wrecked the big auto fire engine.

The engine is now laid up for repairs, worse luck, inasmuch as the fire alarm system is now in working order, and it could not respond even if a bona fide alarm did come in through one of

the new Gamewell boxes. Right quick lest any one should fancy East Chicago will be for a protracted period at the mercy of any chance fire that might develop, it may be stated that by night-fall the fire engine will probably be once more as good as new, and in the meantime there is the engine at Indiana Harbor, which, upon Chief Doherty receiving the word that the East Chicago engine had run amuck, made a trip to East Chicago in record time.

And now, as to what it was all about. Charles Wells lives in Beacon street, East Chicago. Across the street is the Thomas Phillips residence. The chimney of the latter took a notion to burn itself out last night, and for a few minutes it did look some threatening. So Mr. Wells telephoned the fact to the fire station.

The engine started out under full head, for the scene of the blaze, got as far as Chicago avenue and then went on a rampage. It headed straight for the Lewis garage and tipped over a lamp post and tried to climb the curb. There it stopped, disabled.

The patrol wagon was following, and with the engine out of commission the officers thought that at least, they might be of a little service in moving out furniture and performing heroic rescue, if there were any fair damsels in need of succor, or anybody else, for that matter.

Down Beacon street they dashed, but no blazing building met their gaze. The wagon swept on to White Oak, but encountering nothing that looked like a fire, turned back. Mr. Wells flagged the vehicle on its return trip and explained the situation.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NOW IN FIFTH YEAR

The Gary fire department is five years old this week. It was in December, 1908, that Captain Joseph Feeley of the Chicago fire department accepted the invitation of the Gary town board to organize a department in the steel city.

Chief Feeley was given seven untrained men and a hose cart with an old shack opposite the city hall as headquarters.

The department now consists of a chief and 49 men, with three station houses and a fourth one to be located at the Ridge road district. With one exception all of the apparatus is motor driven.

In the near future at least three more station houses will be built, and before long the department will have battalion organization.

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"Doctor, tell me the name of such a wonderful cure," said Mike. And the Chiro said: "Chiropractic, of course."

People of Lake County, whosoever will, who'll seek shall find it; who believes to him it be possible; and he who's wise shall suffer none.

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